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Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX) is brought away by emergency medical service personnel.

DEATH TOLL RISING IN LONDON TOWER FIRE

1 A blaze engulfed a 24-story housing block in central London on Wednesday, trapping residents as they slept and killing at least 12 people in an inferno that the fire brigade said was unprecedented in its scale and speed. More than 200 firefighters, backed up by 40 fire engines, fought for hours to try to control the blaze, London's deadliest for a generation. The Grenfell Tower apartment

block was home to about 600 people. A local residents' group said it had predicted such a catastrophe on their low-rent housing estate that overlooks affluent parts of the Kensington area of the capital, and London Mayor Sadiq Khan said there were questions to answer. REUTERS

200 IRAQIS ARRESTED IN DEPORTATION SWEEP

2 U.S. immigration authorities have arrested and moved to deport 199 Iraqi immigrants, mostly from the Detroit area, in the last three weeks after Iraq agreed to accept deportees as part of a deal removing it from President Donald Trump's travel ban, officials said on Wednesday. In the Detroit area, 114 Iraqi nationals were arrested over the weekend, and 85 throughout the rest of the country over the past several weeks, Gillian Christensen, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman, said in a statement. The actions came as part of the Trump administration's push to increase immigration enforcement and make countries, which have resisted in the past, take back nationals ordered deported from the United States. REUTERS

SIX OFFICIALS CHARGED IN FLINT WATER CRISIS

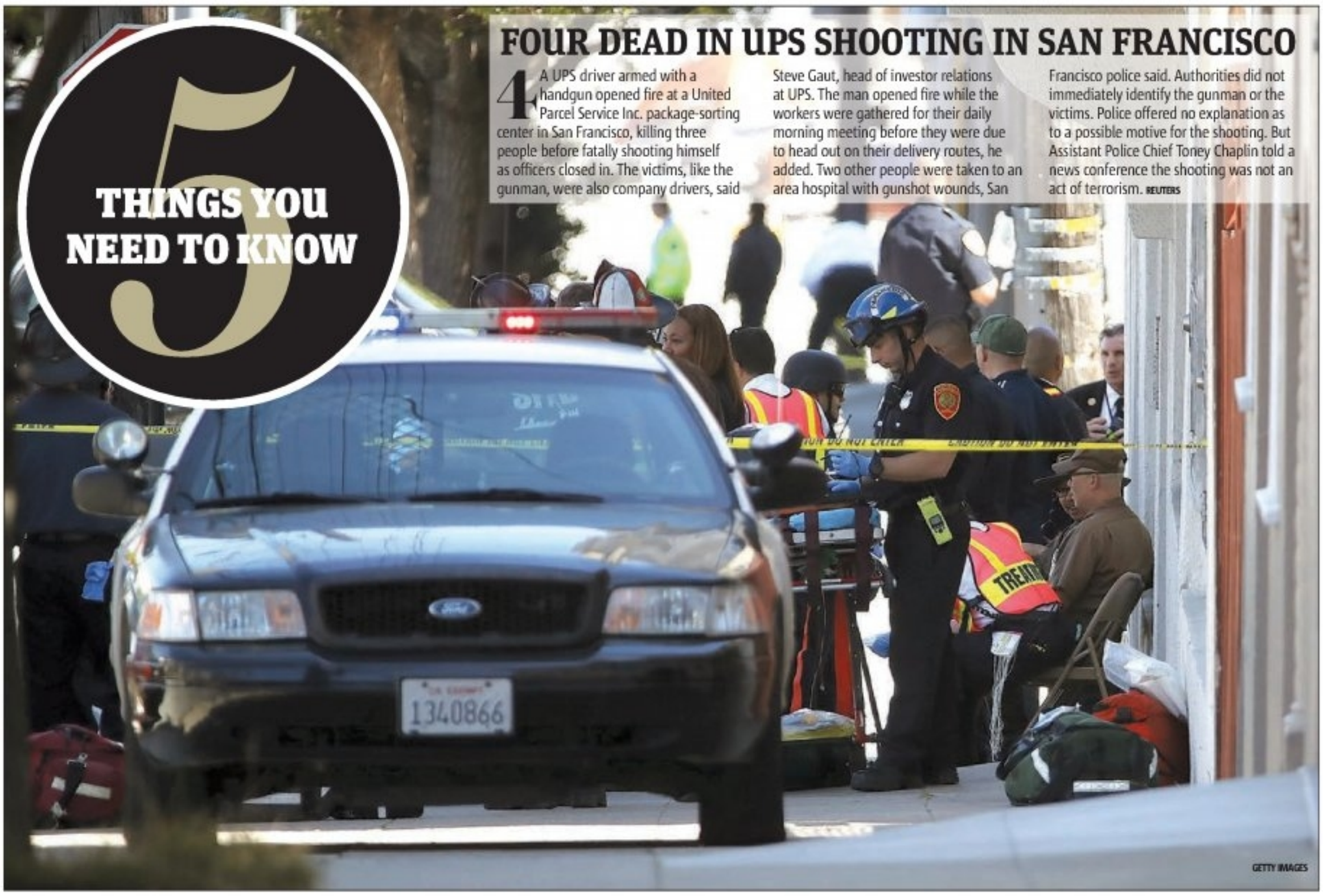
3 Six current and former Michigan and Flint officials were criminally charged on Wednesday for their roles in the city's water crisis that was linked to an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease that caused at least 12 deaths, the state's attorney general said. Five of the officials, including Michigan Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon, were charged with involuntary manslaughter stemming from

their roles in handling the crisis, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said in a statement. Involuntary manslaughter is a felony that carries a sentence of up to 15 years in prison. Lyon, 49, was also charged with one count of misconduct in office. The felony charge carries a sentence of up to five years in prison. REUTERS

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FOUR DEAD IN UPS SHOOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO

4 A UPS driver armed with a handgun opened fire at a United Parcel Service Inc. package-sorting center in San Francisco, killing three people before fatally shooting himself as officers closed in. The victims, like the gunman, were also company drivers, said Steve Gaut, head of investor relations at UPS. The man opened fire while the workers were gathered for their daily morning meeting before they were due to head out on their delivery routes, he added. Two other people were taken to an area hospital with gunshot wounds, San Francisco police said. Authorities did not immediately identify the gunman or the victims. Police offered no explanation as to a possible motive for the shooting. But Assistant Police Chief Toney Chaplin told a news conference the shooting was not an act of terrorism. REUTERS



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BLACK LIVES MATTER SUES FOR COURT OVERSIGHT

5 Members of Black Lives Matter and other groups sued the city of Chicago on Wednesday, seeking to force federal court oversight of reforms to the police Department, which has been accused of using excessive force against minorities. The lawsuit, filed by civil rights attorneys in the U.S. District Court of Northern Illinois, came after Mayor Rahm Emanuel backed off a pledge to let a federal judge oversee reforms. The lawsuit asks the court to intervene to ensure reforms will halt what it described as the ongoing use of excessive force, physical harassment and targeting of minority youth and a reliance on overly aggressive tactics by Chicago police. "Chicago has proven time and time again that it is incapable of ending its own regime of terror, brutality and discriminatory policing," the lawsuit said. "Absent federal court supervision, nothing will improve." REUTERS

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ATF agents and members of local law enforcement stand outside the home of James Hodgkinson in Belleville, Illinois. GETTY IMAGES

Suspect in baseball field shooting ranted against Trump on social media

James Hodgkinson was a member of anti-Republican groups on Facebook and was an outspoken Bernie Sanders supporter.

The suspect who opened fire on Republican lawmakers as they played baseball on Wednesday raged against President Donald Trump on social media and idolized Bernie Sanders, whom he saw as the only politician who understood the working class.

Authorities identified the gunman as James Hodgkinson, a 66-year-old home inspector from the St. Louis suburb of Belleville, Illinois. He died from injuries sustained in the shootout with Capitol Hill police who were at the scene in Alexandria, Virginia.

Majority Whip Steve Scalise, the No. 3 Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, was shot in the hip and was receiving care at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, his office said. Scalise remained in critical condition, according to the hospital.

Hodgkinson is believed by investigators to have been a person "of strong views," a senior U.S. official said.

The Belleville News-Democrat newspaper posted a photograph of Hodgkinson protesting outside a post office there in 2012, wearing sunglasses and holding a homemade placard that read "Tax the Rich."

Hodgkinson was a member of many anti-Republican groups on Facebook including "The Road to Hell Is Paved With Republicans," "Terminate The Republican Party," and "Donald Trump is not my President," his profile showed before it was taken down.

Trump, a Republican, won the presidential election in November. Republicans also control both chambers of Congress.

"Trump is a Traitor. Trump Has Destroyed Our Democracy. It's Time to Destroy Trump & Co." Hodgkinson wrote in a March 22 post. His profile picture was a U.S. flag with the slogan: "Democratic Socialism explained in 3 words: 'We the People.'"

Hodgkinson went to Washington several weeks ago to protest against Trump's election, his brother told The New York Times.

The former mayor of Alexandria, Bill Euille, said he talked with the suspect at the local YMCA most mornings for more than a month, and even tried to help find Hodgkinson a job, the Washington Post said.

Stephen Brennwald, an Alexandria attorney, also saw Hodgkinson at the YMCA wearing long pants rather than gym attire, and said he often seemed to be staring into space.

"It's just very freaky to think that this guy who was just sitting in there for weeks, not really doing anything, actually turned out to shoot at people," Brennwald told Reuters.

Hodgkinson's Facebook profile featured a cover photo of Sanders, a senator from Vermont who ran unsuccessfully to be the Democratic Party's presidential candidate last year.

Sanders, an independent who ran as a progressive populist, said the suspect had "apparently volunteered" on his campaign. In a statement, Sanders condemned the shooting as a "despicable act." REUTERS

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The corner-stall fishmonger in the "South 9th Street Curb Market" — titled as such from a historic plaque on the northeast corner of 9th and Christian streets — is as well-known as any fruit or vegetable vendor, shoe cobbler, dry-goods procurer or rare bookseller has been to the block. And the sale of freshly caught fish, crabs and other denizens of the local waters has been as commonplace to the Italian Market since the late 19th century as any produce or service.

"I was a girl when I first started selling fish with my father over 40 years ago, from high school through college," said Janet Anastasi-Stechman, who runs the iconic and soon-to-close Anastasi Seafood restaurant/retail store with her brother, Salvatore Anastasi, on the doubly iconic corner of 9th and Washington.

"Back then, fish was considered a poor man's food, and we sold a lot of it here," she said, remarking on the working-class roots of this blue-collar neighborhood. "Now people see the health value in fish, so there's that market."

In 2016, Jesse Giordano's Captain Jesse's Crabs and Seafood at 1100 E. Passyunk Ave. (the triangular corner of 8th & Washington) was closed, sold and razed for repurposing under the now-de rigeur mixed-use condo/retail/restaurant schematic.

Anastasi Seafood's corner shop — where they've been located for 21 of their 40-plus years — is closing up shop, as Midwood Investment & Development purchased that property for a five-story mixed-use building with underground parking.

"I'm being asked to move," said Anastasi-Stechman. "That's a change I don't really want — especially as business has only gotten better here in the last 10 years — but I think we're making the most of it."

The brother-and-sister duo not only bought a space to keep selling seafood at 1039 S. Ninth St. — across Washington and next to Giordano's Produce — but they'll also take over a recently vacated space (the Neuf eatery) at 943 S. Ninth St. for the Anastasi Restaurant.

"I'm heartsick we're leaving, but you have to see the future as an opportunity — not a negative. We made this corner our own, and I'm proud. Things change," Anastasi-Stechman said.

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It's a well-known fact that for many senior citizens in the U.S. their home is their single biggest asset, often accounting for more than 50% of their total net worth.

Yet, according to new statistics from the mortgage industry, senior homeowners in the U.S. are now sitting on more than **6.1 trillion dollars** of unused home equity.[1] With people now living longer than ever before and home prices back up again, ignoring this **"hidden wealth"** may prove to be short sighted.

All things considered, it's not surprising that more than a million homeowners have already used a government-insured Home Equity Conversion Mortgage or "HECM" loan to turn their home equity into extra cash for retirement.

However, today, there are still millions of eligible homeowners who could benefit from this FHA-insured loan but may simply not be aware of this "**retirement secret.**"

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It's a fact: no monthly mortgage payments are required with a government-insured HECM loan;[2] however the homeowners are still responsible for paying for the maintenance of their home, property taxes, homeowner's insurance and, if required, their HOA fees.

Another fact many are not aware of is that HECM reverse mortgages first took hold when President Reagan signed the FHA Reverse Mortgage Bill into law 29 years ago in order to help senior citizens remain in their homes.

Today, HECM loans are simply an effective way for homeowners 62 and older to get the extra cash they need to enjoy retirement.

Although today's HECM loans have been improved to provide even greater financial protection for homeowners, there are still many misconceptions.

For example, a lot of people mistakenly believe the home must be paid off in full in order to qualify for a HECM loan, which is not the case. In fact, one key advantage of a HECM is that the proceeds will first be used to pay off any existing liens on the property, which frees up cash flow, a huge blessing for seniors living on a fixed income. Unfortunately, many senior homeowners who might be better off with HECM loan don't even bother to get more information because of rumors they've heard.

That's a shame because HECM loans are helping many senior homeowners live a better life.

In fact, a recent survey by American Advisors Group (AAG), the nation's number one HECM lender, found that over 90% of their clients are satisfied with their loans.

While these special loans are not for everyone, they can be a real lifesaver for senior homeowners like Betty Carter, who recently took out a HECM loan with AAG so that she could finally get the extra cash she needed to fix up her house.

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FACT: In 1988, President Reagan signed an FHA bill that put HECM loans into law.

The cash from a HECM loan can be used for any purpose. Many people use the money to save on interest charges by paying off credit cards or other high-interest loans. Other common uses include making home improvements, paying off medical bills or helping other family members. Some people simply need the extra cash for everyday expenses while others are now using it as a "safety net" for financial emergencies.

If you're a homeowner age 62 or older, you owe it to yourself to learn more so that you can make an informed decision. Homeowners who are interested in learning more can request a free 2017 HECM loan Information Kit and free Educational DVD by calling American Advisors Group toll-free at **1-800-660-4963**.

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A court has concluded that the city of Philadelphia has a right to collect taxes on sodas. GETTY IMAGES

Appeals court finds Philly anti-soda tax lawsuit 'without merit'

Soda tax opponents vow to continue fight with appeal to state's highest court.

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After months of consideration, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania has found that an appeal that questioned the legality of Philadelphia's soda tax legislation is "without merit," saying the city has the right to collect the tax and upholding an earlier court decision.

In an opinion written by Commonwealth Court Justice Michael H. Wojcik released Wednesday morning, Wojcik said the appellate court upheld an earlier ruling, from December of last year, where the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas found that the city's 1.5 cent per ounce tax on sweetened beverages was legal.

The ruling notes that since the tax is on the distributor of the beverage, and not on retail sales to the consumer, the tax doesn't act as a duplicate sales tax, as soda tax opponents had argued.

Following the court's decision, Mayor Jim Kenney released a statement touting the court's ruling.

"Two courts have now considered the arguments of the beverage industry, and both are certain that the Philadelphia Beverage Tax stands on solid legal grounds. As I stated when the beverage tax was upheld in Common Pleas Court, the children of Philadelphia are waiting for the opportunities that the tax can provide," the mayor said in the statement. "Our entire city desperately needs us to be able to move forward with the programs funded by the tax, and we will be unable to do that in full until full legal action is resolved. The beverage industry needs to see this ruling for what it is — a clear statement Philadelphia has the right to try to provide for its own — and cease the legal and public relations battle to which it has devoted millions. The beverage industry should not ask our children to wait another minute."

Attorney Shanin Specter, who handled the lawsuit, told the Inquirer they will appeal the Commonwealth Court decision.

The American Beverage Association had joined bottlers, distributors and other businesses in an appeal of the earlier ruling, hoping to get the tax abolished.

Earlier this week, Billy Penn reported that, in its first year, the city's soda tax is expected to fall short of its revenue goals of $46 million.

Citing this budget shortfall, the Ax The Beverage Tax Coalition, who had supported the lawsuit against the tax, said in a statement that they were disappointed by Wednesday's ruling.

"We are deeply disappointed in today's ruling. But no ruling can obscure the pain Philadelphia's beverage tax continues to inflict on families and local businesses," read a statement shared by coalition spokesman Anthony Campisi.

"Our entire city desperately needs us to be able to move forward with the programs funded by the tax."
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Eagles head coach is worried about team's maturity after camp breaks

The Eagles now know a lot more about Doug Pederson's scheme than they did a year ago. GETTY IMAGES

Doug Pederson is hoping the Eagles have a smoother July break this year than they did in 2016.

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Doug Pederson had a rough start to his career as an NFL head coach last summer.

In late July, Eagles linebacker Nigel Bradham was arrested for assault in a Florida hotel (he was also arrested on a gun charge during the team's bye), just days after wide receiver Nelson Agholor was accused of rape at a Philly club (charges were never filed).

In addition, last November Josh Huff was arrested on gun charges and marijuana possession and was cut by the team, and 2016 draft pick Wendell Smallwood previously was involved in a murder allegation prior to his being drafted.

Other incidents have occurred regarding current Eagles before Pederson's tenure. Jason Peters has also had two run-ins with the law — resisting arrest after being pulled over for loud music in 2011 and drag racing in May 2013 — and newly signed Eagles running back LeGarrette Blount faced marijuana charges and a suspension.

The team has had a few hang-ups off the field and suffice it to say, Pederson is concerned.

"Obviously from my standpoint, that's a concern," the coach said to Philly media members Wednesday when asked what his message would be to the team when they break minicamp at week's end. "They have some time off before camp and my message is just going to be, 'Guys, you just have to be smart. We're building something. We're building for the future and you want to definitely be a part of that and you don't want to be doing anything that can disrupt not only what we're trying to build here, but you're representing yourself, your family and your name.'"

Seven arrests for active Eagles players over the last five years give the team the most of any NFC East team in that span. The players on the team will have about a month off to head home, relax, regroup and work out on their own before they report back to the NovaCare center for training camp on July 24.

The Eagles are attempting to build something special, and Pederson is steadfast to remind the players he is responsible of to avoid getting their names in the headlines during their time off.

"You've just got to be smart, the decisions and choices we make in life, and learn from past experiences," Pederson said. "I think that's a great teacher for everybody to learn from those. That will be my message for the guys and for all of us in the next couple of weeks."

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Read the suicide note left for Michelle Carter, currently on trial for involuntary manslaughter

Prosecutors say Carter urged her boyfriend to commit suicide, even when he was expressing doubts.

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In his suicide note, 18-year-old Conrad Roy III told Michelle Carter, the now 20-year-old on trial for involuntary manslaughter, that he loved her and appreciated her "effort and kindness" toward him.

Prosecutors say that Carter, then 17, persuaded her boyfriend Roy to commit suicide even though he had expressed doubts.

Roy was found dead in his truck, which was parked in a Fairhaven parking lot, of carbon monoxide poisoning on July 13, 2014.

Roy's suicide notes — one to Carter and one to his father — were presented in Bristol County Juvenile Court on Tuesday, the final day of Carter's trial.

"I can't take the pain," Roy wrote to his father, according to the Boston Globe. "I did this to be finally happy. … I don't feel like I belong here."

He added that he would see his father in heaven, according to court documents, and urged that "everyone be happy. Work hard for me because that's what I want and live life to the fullest even though I am cutting it short."

Roy also wrote to Carter that they will meet up "someday in heaven."

The note reads:

To Michelle, Keep strong in tough times. You taught me how to be strong and carry on. This life has been too challenging and troublesome to me but I'll forever be in your heart and we will meet up someday in heaven. Put your best foot forward and your chin held up high. Our songs. Listen to them and remember me. Take anything from my room at my moms/dads to remind you of me. You'll get there, I'm sorry about everything. I am messed up I guess. I wish I could express my gratitude but I feel brain dead. I love you and greatly appreciate ur effort and kindness towards me. Keep your heart beating, and keep pushing forward. Go on YouTube type in Rocky Balboa quote, and let the light guide you. I <3 you.

The prosecution and defense made their closing arguments on Tuesday. Carter, from Plainville, had waived her right to a jury.

Michelle Carter during her trial in Bristol County Superior Court. Carter is charged with involuntary manslaughter for encouraging the 18-year-old Conrad Roy III to kill himself in July 2014. GETTY IMAGES

"I did this to be finally happy. … I don't feel like I belong here."

Conrad Roy III

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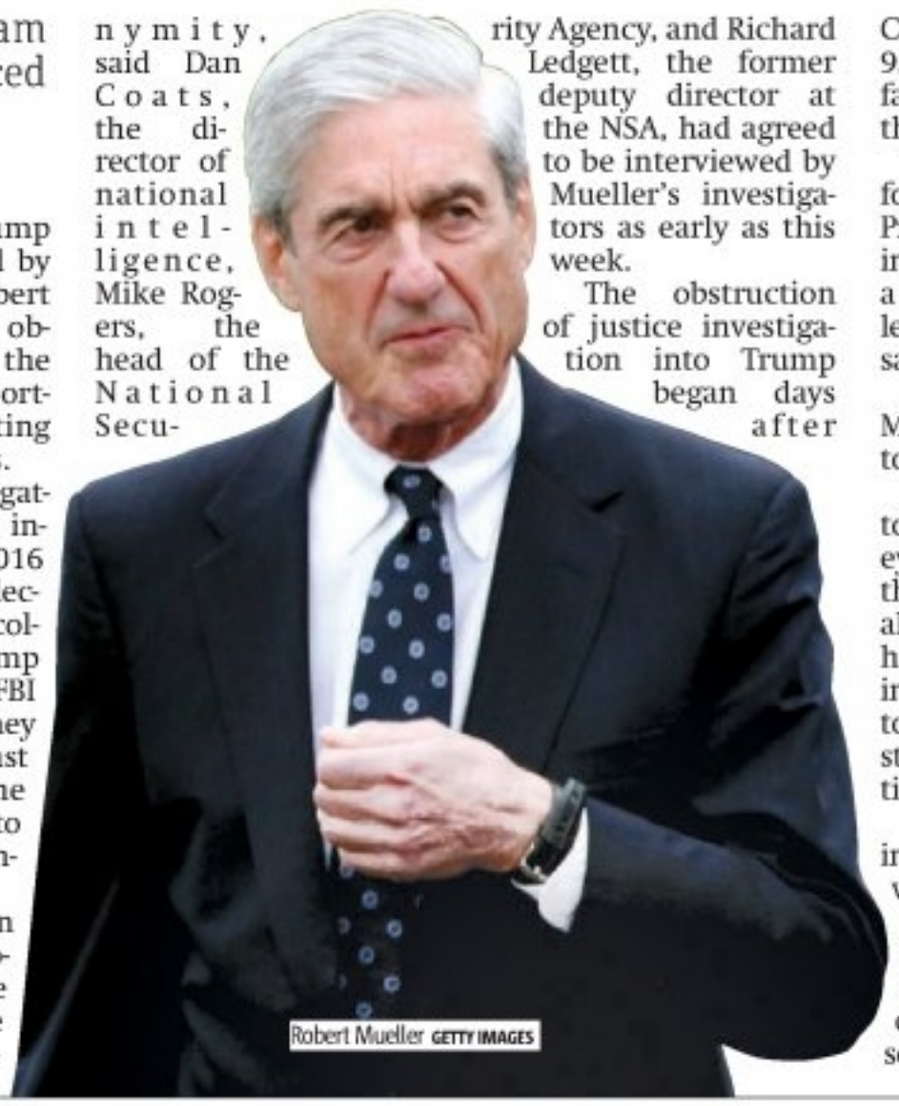
Trump under investigation for possible obstruction of justice: Washington Post

Trump's legal team quickly denounced the report on Wednesday.

President Donald Trump is being investigated by special counsel Robert Mueller for possible obstruction of justice, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday, citing unidentified officials.

Mueller is investigating alleged Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election and possible collusion with the Trump campaign. Former FBI Director James Comey told Congress last week he believes he was fired by Trump to undermine the agency's Russia probe.

The Washington Post, citing five people briefed on the requests who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Dan Coats, the director of national intelligence, Mike Rogers, the head of the National Security Agency, and Richard Ledgett, the former deputy director at the NSA, had agreed to be interviewed by Mueller's investigators as early as this week.


Robert Mueller GETTY IMAGES

The obstruction of justice investigation into Trump began days after Comey was fired on May 9, according to people familiar with the matter, the Washington Post said.

"The FBI leak of information regarding the President is outrageous, inexcusable and illegal," a spokesman for Trump's legal team, Mark Corallo, said.

A spokesman for Mueller's team declined to comment.

Several legal experts told Reuters that Comey's testimony last week that Trump expected loyalty and told Comey he hoped he could drop an investigation of a former top aide could bolster obstruction of justice allegations against Trump.

Comey would not say in his testimony last week whether he thought the president sought to obstruct justice, but added it would be up to special counsel Mueller "to sort that out."

President Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

"The FBI leak of information regarding the President is outrageous, inexcusable and illegal."

Mark Corallo, a spokesman for Trump's legal team

After Comey's testimony, Trump said he had been vindicated because his former FBI director confirmed telling Trump on three occasions that he was not under investigation.

While a sitting president is unlikely to face criminal prosecution, obstruction of justice could form the basis for impeachment. Any such step would face a steep hurdle as it would require approval by the U.S. House of Representatives, which is controlled by Trump's fellow Republicans. REUTERS

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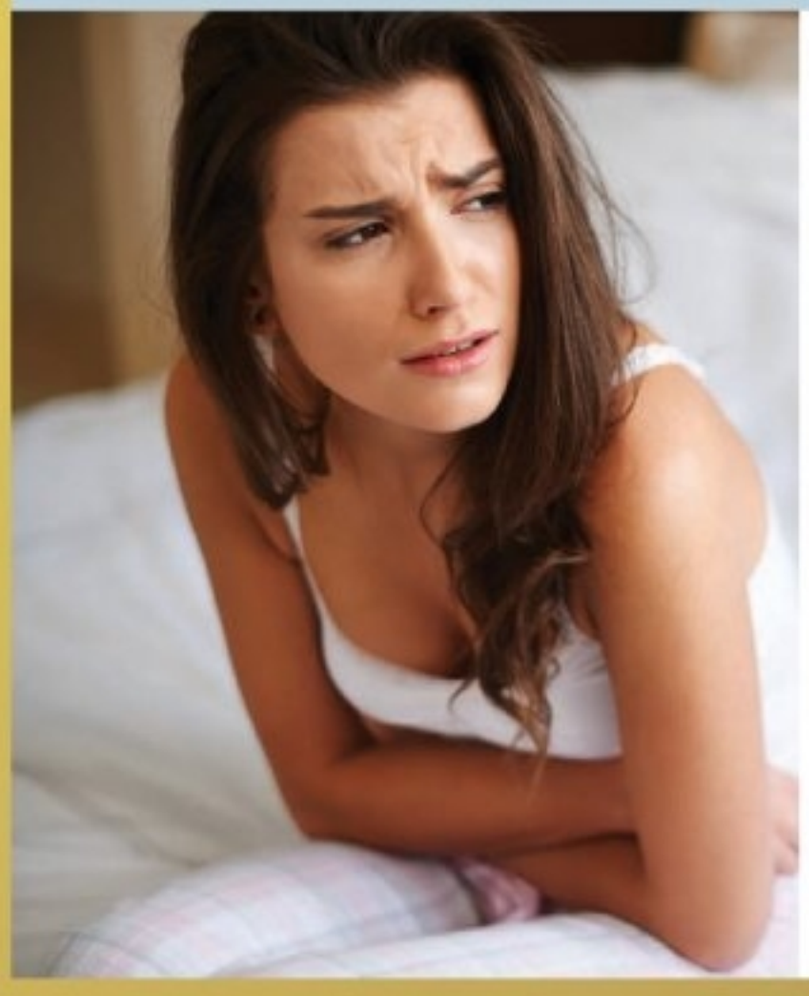

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Federal judge asks Army to revisit environmental analysis of Dakota pipeline

The judge said in a 91-page decision that the federal permits issued for the pipeline violated the law in some respects.

A federal judge on Wednesday said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did not fully weigh the impacts of the Dakota Access Pipeline and ordered it to reconsider sections of its environmental analysis.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg in Washington said that while the Army Corps substantially complied with the National Environmental Policy Act, it did not adequately consider the impacts of a possible oil spill on the fishing and hunting rights of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe. The tribe had sued the Army Corps over its approval of the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota.

"To remedy those violations, the Corps will have to reconsider those sections of its environmental analysis upon remand by the Court," the judge said in a court order.

Operations of Energy Transfer Partners LP's pipeline have not been suspended but will be considered later, the order said. The $3.8 billion line began interstate crude oil delivery in May

Native American protestors and their supporters walk along land being prepared for the Dakota Access Pipeline. GETTY IMAGES

In February, the Army Corps of Engineers granted the final easement needed to finish the controversial pipeline, which had been delayed for several months after protests led by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and climate activists.

The controversial pipeline needed a final permit to tunnel under Lake Oahe, a reservoir that is part of the Missouri River.

President Donald Trump, days after being sworn in, issued an executive order directing the Army Corps to smooth the path to finishing the line, prompting complaints by the tribe and environmental groups that it had not done an adequate environmental review.

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe saw Wednesday's decision as a victory.

"We applaud the courts for protecting our laws and regulations from undue political influence, and will ask the Court to shut down pipeline operations immediately," said Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault. REUTERS

FEDERAL COURT

Black Lives Matter sues for court oversight of Chicago police reforms

Members of Black Lives Matter and other groups sued the city of Chicago on Wednesday, seeking to force federal court oversight of reforms to the police department, which has been accused of using excessive force against minorities.

The lawsuit, filed by civil rights attorneys in the U.S. District Court of Northern Illinois, came after Mayor Rahm Emanuel backed off a pledge to let a federal judge oversee reforms.

The lawsuit asks the court to ensure reforms will halt what it described as the ongoing use of excessive force, physical harassment and targeting of minority youth and a reliance on overly aggressive tactics by Chicago police.

"Chicago has proven time and time again that it is incapable of ending its own regime of terror, brutality and discriminatory policing," the lawsuit said. "Absent federal court supervision, nothing will improve."

In January, a federal investigation found Chicago police routinely violated the civil rights of people, citing excessive force and racially discriminatory conduct. REUTERS

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

I don't know what makes a person get a gun and go shoot people they don't know. I've covered many of these crimes over decades in the news business. I've seen the patterns over and over again.

For reasons we rarely understand, a person goes down a rabbit hole of confusion, paranoia, jealousy, suspicion, fury — take your pick. Then he (it's almost always a guy) gets a weapon, throws together a haphazard plan and shatters the world of peaceful citizens.

Is it pure evil? Is it insanity? Is it some combination of the two or something else altogether? Of course we have a debate about guns and security and healthcare policy. Of course we settle nothing.

And when the violence cuts along social lines — when victims are targeted for their religion, race or political views — we ask if something much bigger is involved. Are we helping spur these shooters to action with the anger of our own words against "others"? Is the bitterness of our public discourse creating a jumping off platform for lone militants in the same sense that an angry mob of many makes it easier for one person to throw a brick?

Like I said at the start, I don't know. But I suspect when a desperate person is growing steadily more hell-bent on one of these dreadful attacks, hearing the rest of us shouting probably doesn't help.

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Oprah will never be your president

In case you were hoping Oprah was going to save us all from the long national nightmare that is technically called Trump's presidency, here's some bummer news. Oprah has gone on record to say that, nah, she won't ever be running for president of the United States. Aw, man.

The Queen of Media sat down with The Hollywood Reporter's "Awards Chatter" podcast to talk about everything — from her rise to success to her Oscar-nominated acting and everything in between. But when asked whether or not she would run for POTUS, she had a pretty definitive answer.

"I will never run for public office," she says. "That's a pretty definitive thing. … And I don't know [if I could beat Trump]. I don't know the answer to that. I will never have to know the answer to that because I will never run for public office."

Aw, but Oprah! You would be so good at it!

The woman responsible for crushing your dreams, depleting your hopes.

19-year-old says Scott Disick is a bit much

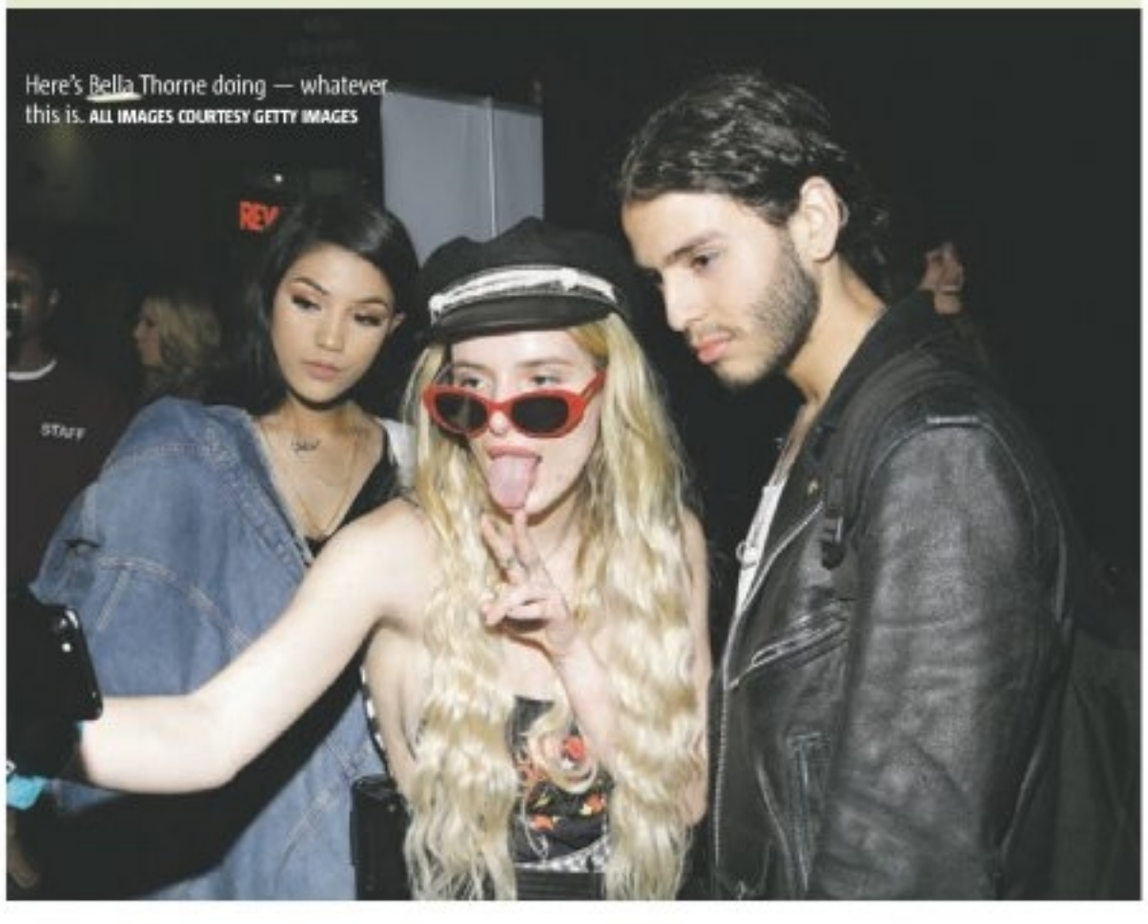
Bella Thorne is opening up about her brief and gross romance with Scott Disick, and it's pretty hilarious.

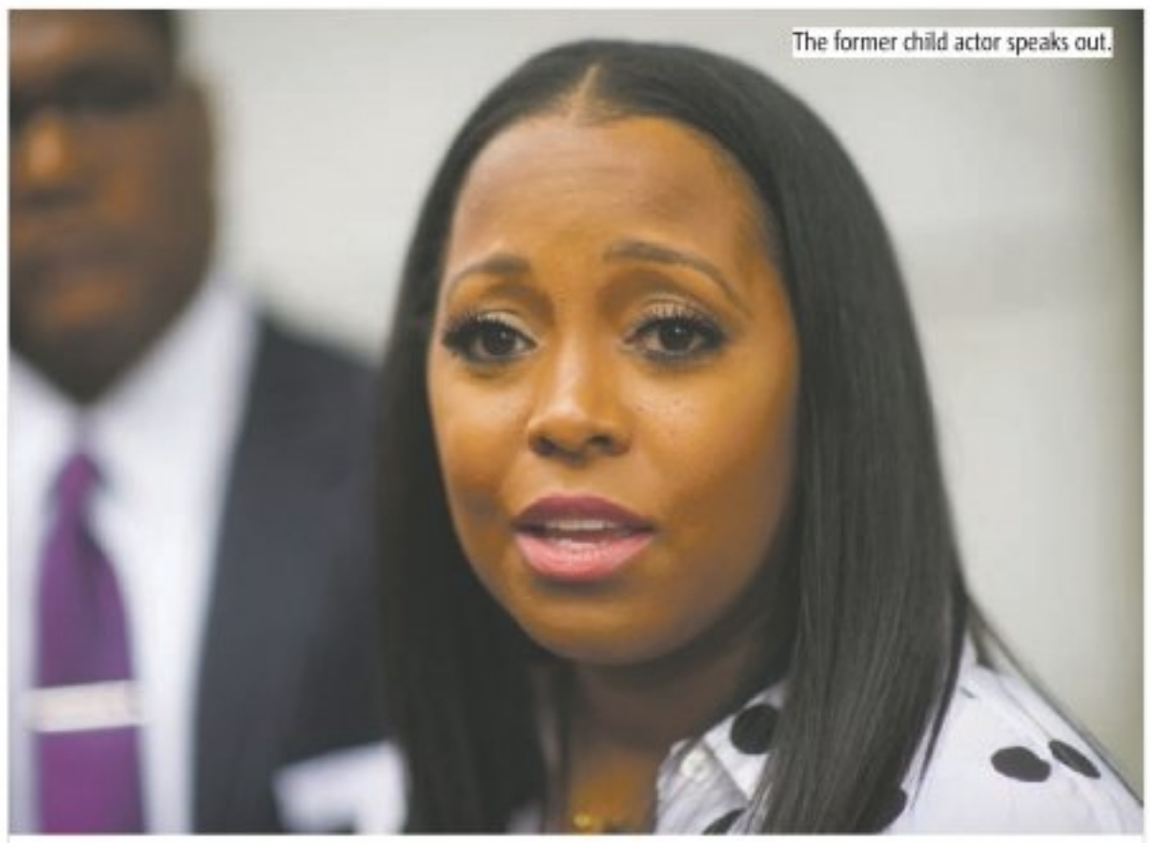
About those pictures of him seemingly grabbing her boob, like he's falling off a cliff and it's the only thing between him and a long descent to death, she says it wasn't even like that! "Honestly, my nipple came out of my bikini and he tried to fix it for me," she told Complex UK.

She also says, when it comes down to it, 34-year-old Disick is just way more into partying than she is. "Scott is really nice, sweet, charming," she says. "I don't drink, and he really drinks a lot. ... I just wasn't down. I was like, 'I gotta leave.' ... I just don't party hardcore like that, and it was way too much for me. I was like, 'Whoa, this is not the way I live my life, bruh.'"

Also, the "Famous in Love" star mentions that they were just friends which, girl I guess.

Somewhere Kourtney Kardashian is cracking up.


Here's Bella Thorne doing — whatever this is. ALL IMAGES COURTESY GETTY IMAGES


The former child actor speaks out.

Why Keisha Knight Pulliam is supporting Bill Cosby

Keisha Knight Pulliam is talking about why, exactly, she's choosing to support Bill Cosby — who has been accused of drugging and sexually assaulting former Temple University employee Andrea Constand, among other things.

"The Cosby Show" alum says tons of words on the matter, but it feels like she's milking this situation for all the attention she can get, no?

On the "Today Show," Pulliam talked about why it was important for her to be there for her TV dad as the jurors entered their third day of deliberations. "At the end of the day, I truly believe you're innocent until proven guilty, and that's just not the man that I ever experienced," she said.

"It's nothing that I take lightly or that I condone in any way, shape or form, but he's still a person," she continued. Hey! The people he allegedly assaulted are people, too! Glad we're clearing that up.

She also said Cosby is in good spirits, which, gross.

Hope it's worth it, girl.

Her new beau appears to be a pile of red flags with googly eyes on top.

Christina El Moussa's new BF is very shady

Christina El Moussa, star of HGTV's "Flip or Flop" has a new boyfriend. His name is Doug Spedding! Us Weekly confirms that the two have been dating for the last few weeks — and in fact, the pair dated years ago, before her marriage to ex-husband Tarek El Moussa (who filed for divorce in January).

But here's the thing. It looks like Dougie likes to get in trouble with the law.

Court records show that in October 2010, Doug was arrested and charged with misdemeanor domestic violence, which was later upgraded to a felony charge. According to In Touch, protective orders were issued by the courts and later sealed, but he was charged with violating those orders on five different occasions between October 2010 and July 2011.

He also had seven cases pending against him in 2011, and was arrested and charged with felony drug possession and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia the same year, which seems like a whole dang lot.

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Mandy Moore thinks swimming with sharks is low-risk

Moore and Claire Holt talk their upcoming shark thriller "47 Meters Down."

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Claire Holt and Mandy Moore play sisters with a pretty horrible idea. Trouble ensues, as it does.
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This weekend will see the premiere of "47 Meters Down," one of those shark thrillers where you have a creeping feeling that these characters really ought to know better. The film stars Mandy Moore ("This Is Us") and Claire Holt ("The Originals") as sisters with a horrible idea: to go swimming with sharks alongside some random dudes they just met.

Of course, the rig breaks and they're stuck on the ocean floor. With an hour's worth of oxygen left and five minutes of personal affronts to cover, sisters Lisa and Kate have one thing on their mind: for Lisa to get over her ex who dumped her because she's boring. Oh! We mean "survive."

We had a quick chat with Mandy Moore and Claire Holt about thrillers, the low-risk of swimming with sharks and, of course, "This Is Us."

What was it like doing a thriller?
Mandy Moore: That's what was really enticing for the both of us, doing something that felt like a real challenge. I love thrillers, and I'm not often thought of for these kinds of films. And the script was so compelling. The movie takes place primarily underwater, and I'd never seen that before. I loved that it was sort of two strong female heroines who have to rely on each other to survive.

It really seems like your characters have never watched a shark movie. Like, have they seen "The Shallows"? Have they seen "Jaws"?
Moore: Well, we shot this two years ago before "The Shallows." And it's human — I would still get in a cage and go shark diving.

Have you ever done it before?
Moore: I haven't done it, but I'm not opposed to it. There were many signs that should have prevented [these characters] from actually taking this adventure. But in the spirit of the moment, I find it entirely believable that these girls would find themselves on that boat and go down there. It seems relatively low-risk.

What was it like filming this movie, with no sharks?
Claire Holt: Just being underwater was frightening enough.
Moore: We were underwater every day for seven hours. And even though we were only 20 feet deep, it's not far from the mind, like, "Wow, what if the safety divers don't get here quick enough?" Your mind starts playing tricks on you.

Do you guys have any exciting projects coming up? Mandy, "This Is Us" is coming back soon — is there anything else you're excited about?
Holt: Nope, this is it.

Also Mandy, my co-worker wants to know — how does Jack die in "This Is Us"?
Moore: Claire and I just decided to say he gets attacked by a shark.
Holt: Then it'll be like a Marvel film.*

**Nobody in a Marvel film has been eaten by a shark. Ever.*

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Armie Hammer on parenting in the age of smartphones

The actor talks "Cars 3" and how Pixar knows how to speak to kids and adults.

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In "Cars 3," Armie Hammer voices Jackson Storm, right, who steals the spotlight from Owen Wilson's Lightning McQueen, left. PIXAR

Armie Hammer just went to Disneyland. It was partly for work — he was doing press for "Cars 3," in which he voices superfast race car (and villain) Jackson Storm — but even when he got time to bop around the park, he couldn't do all the rides. That's because his kids are young: His daughter is 2½ and his son was born earlier this year. Not that the actor would be at an amusement park by himself. After all, he is 30 years old.

"I haven't been on a roller coaster in 18 years," Hammer remarks. But when you have kids, you get to do all the things you did as a kid once again — get to re-experience childhood but from a vastly different perspective. Usually that involves playing teacher to his kids.

"It's a lot of fun watching them process and learn and figure things out. Like, 'What is this?' 'This is a caterpillar.' 'Why is this leaf brown?' 'It's changing color because it's fall.' You get to go learn everything all over again," Hammer tells us.

Sometimes he draws a blank. "She'll definitely catch me off-guard and say, 'Why this? Why that?' I'll just say, 'Well, I don't know. Let's figure it out!' Then I reach into my pocket and take out a device that has the cumulative amount of all human knowledge," says Hammer.

Up to this point, Hammer's career has largely been spent in movies that are decidedly not for kids: "The Social Network," "J. Edgar," "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," "Nocturnal Animals," "Free Fire." If Hammer needs to do movies his children can watch, he's smart to do one with Pixar, an animation house known for tackling heavy, even depressing issues — aging, abandonment, obsolescence, death — yet in a way kids greatly enjoy.

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"That's what they do so well: They take big issues but deal with them so lightheartedly that my 2½-year-old daughter can watch them and be enthralled the whole time," Hammer says.

Still, what on earth do they make of "Inside Out," which is all about that moment when kids realize that the world can be a dark and miserable place, and that happiness can be replaced by anger and sadness? Hammer knows that stuff goes over their heads. But that's by design.

"When they get older they can go back and watch them with a new perspective," Hammer explains. "There's something for everyone. The older they get, the more sides they see."

Hammer doesn't allow his daughter to watch too many movies at her age, "Cars 3" being an obvious exception.

"We don't really let her get too much screen time. She has a fake iPhone that she's able to use, because she sees us using ours a lot," he says. Still, he doesn't want her to go completely without technology.

"I have people warn me, 'Oh, you don't want her to have too much screen time.' But I realized there's not really a world my daughter and son will live in where they don't interact in some way with a screen or some kind of digital technology on a day-to-day basis," he says. "If I limit her screen time now, am I setting her back? Or if I give her controlled and monitored screen time now, in a productive way, am I helping her? It's less of a black-and-white issue than 'Screen time for kids is bad.'"

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Put a *ring* on it

The latest trends in engagement jewelry.

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When it comes to getting hitched, there's no one way. Same goes for the ring you choose to symbolize your commitment. More and more couples are defying tradition and opting for engagement rings with a range of gems, colors and cuts. We asked jewelry-store designers and owners what they're inspired by right now, and what styles their clients are seeking.

Add some color

"If you're looking for a nontraditional option, a colorful diamond is a beautiful, fashion-forward and unique choice for this season," says Harvey Rovinksy, owner of Philadelphia's Bernie Robbins Jewelers. "We are seeing yellow diamonds become more and more popular for those looking to make a bold statement yet remain timeless."

And diamonds, of course, aren't the only gem in the jewelry box. Leigh Plessner, creative director of Brooklyn boutique Catbird, is fond of rings that feature many-colored rubies and sapphires, both on their own or as complementary gems, where they can "really amplify the luminosity of diamonds."

Take Catbird's Rainbow Stardust Ring ($735), from designer Sofia Zakia. Its center white diamond is framed by two yellow gold moons, with a radiant band of blue, orange and yellow sapphires, ruby and amethyst.

"I'm excited about seeing color, both rainbow hues and soft watercolor gradients, being used in a very refined, wear-forever way in the engagement world," Plessner says.

Customize it — and take a risk

Reshma Patel, the owner of Quiet Storms jewelry boutique in Brooklyn, says clients seek out the shop because they're looking for something a little different.

"Women are getting married at different ages in their lives now, [when] they may have moved past the idea of a diamond ring," she says. "The idea of a big rock on a band ... they might not necessarily relate to that."

Her approach to helping them customize is to find out what suits their personal style, as opposed to what's dictated by tradition or trends. Sometimes it's about finding out what's already inspiring them from the shop's collection — and if you're looking for creative ideas, Quiet Storms is the spot.

Patel thinks of the jewelry as works of art, and describes different pieces as "sculptural" and "geometric." Take designer Jemma Wynne's Prive Double Emerald Pave Band ring, which positions two differently sized emeralds on opposite sides of a diamond-studded band, or her Covet Open Ring, which leaves its band slightly agape.

"People will say, what is that [piece]? How do you wear that?" says Patel. "It's really exciting."

Switch up the cut

"When it comes to diamonds, the world isn't traditionally round," says Richard Berberian, the owner of Elyse Fine Jewelers in Reading, Massachusetts. "The trend is moving to alternate shapes." Think: cushion, tycoon, oval and emerald cuts, as well as old mine cuts (larger, square shaped) typical of family heirloom jewelry.

He helps his clients see that different shapes complement their varying physical features, from size of hand to length of fingers. And form fits function: Berberian says his focus as a designer is on "wearable art." Before he designs a piece, he'll ask clients what they do for work, what their lifestyle is like, how they dress — all details which inform the final creation.

Prive Double Emerald Pave Band by designer Jemma Wynne, $3,885. Available at quietstorms.com PROVIDED

Rainbow Stardust Ring, $735, by designer Sofia Zakia. Available at catbirdnyc.com PROVIDED

Simon G. Passion Collection Engagement Ring, Pricing under $10,000, BernieRobbins.com PROVIDED

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Father's Day Fun

The whole family will enjoy the Father's Day Dance at Lulu's Casita. PROVIDED

Treat dad to the "Gentleman's Facial" at 3000 B.C. in Chestnut Hill. PROVIDED

Why not do something different this year?

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Before you get swept away by the excitement of summer, don't forget about Father's Day on June 18. While you could always buy him something thoughtful, one of the best gifts you could give Dad is a fun-filled day spent together. From museum excursions to decadent steak dinners, here are our top picks to make Father's Day extra special this year.

With the kids

This indoor playground and cafe is perfect for the whole family. Kids can build an epic fort with their giant blocks and adults will appreciate the healthy food with a Latin twist on the cafe menu. For the Father's Day Dance, there will be a special concert from Songs for Seeds (a band specializing in children's music), refreshments, arts and crafts, a photo booth and more.

Father's Day Dance
Saturday, June 17
$15 per child
6 Cricket Lane, Ardmore
luluscasita.com

A day of zen

Perhaps your dad could use a day of rest, relaxation and pampering? Why not set him up with a massage and facial at 3000 BC in Chestnut Hill? If he's constantly going hard at the gym, a sports massage would be a great fit. If he's not an active person, you can't go wrong with a Swedish massage. And don't think facials are just for the ladies: 3000 BC offers a Gentleman's Facial, designed just for guys, that cleanses and softens skin and even comes with a deep neck and shoulder massage.

3000 BC
8439 Germantown Ave.
3000bcspa.com

A steak dinner

If there's one thing that's certain, dads love steak. Why not treat yours to a fancy steak dinner at Del Frisco's in Center City? Located inside of what was First Pennsylvania Bank, the lofty space exudes elegance and, of course, the food is impeccable. For Father's Day, it opens early at 2 p.m. and are offering a Wagyu Tomahawk Chop (32 oz. ribeye long-bone) for $89 and a blood-orange Manhattan cocktail made with Redemption Rye Whiskey for $15.

Del Frisco's
1426 Chestnut St.
delfriscos.com

For the dad who loves history

Is your dad a huge fan of history? If he hasn't been to the brand new Museum of the American Revolution yet, Father's Day would be the perfect occasion. Special programming for the day includes Assistant Curator Matthew Skic discussing Philadelphia's transformation into an "arsenal of liberty" during the war as well as learning the basics of drills and music of the Revolutionary War period.

Museum of the American Revolution
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3025 Walnut St.
$20
worldcafelive.com

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Michael Jackson Experience

Who's Bad, the Michael Jackson tribute band, promises to electrify fans of the mega-popstar with a set of his biggest hits. Come for the "Thriller" choreography, stay for the band's best attempt at a moonwalk.
June 16, 8 p.m.
Valley Forge Casino Resort
1160 First Ave., King of Prussia, Pa.
$25, vfcasino.com

Deftones

Alternative-metal, California-based group Deftones, featuring Rise Against, arrive at Penn's Landing as part of their ongoing tour to promote their 2016 LP, "Gore." "Post-hardcore" band Thrice will make an appearance as a special guest.
June 17, 7 p.m.
Festival Pier at Penn's Landing
601 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd.
$37, deftones.com

The Bearded Ballerina

Wind ensemble Relache debuts "The Bearded Ballerina," a set of mostly 19th-century pieces curated by Heath Allen. Also features animation art by Sean Olivier.
June 18, 3-6 p.m.
Mutter Museum
19 S. 22nd St.
$15, muttermuseum.org

FOOD & DRINK

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Old City Eats Block Party

Through Aug. 31, more than 25 participating Old City restaurants offer half-off appetizers and a $4 Penn Beer or $5 cocktail made with Faber Liquors. To kick off the neighborhood's summer of deals, a block party along Second Street will put some of these deals on display — accompanied by live music.
June 15, 5-8 p.m.
Second and Market streets
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oldcitydistrict.org

Beer Camp on Tour

Sierra Nevada brings its popular "Beer Camp" tasting to Philly, offering up hundreds (really, hundreds) of beer samples. Admission includes unlimited tasting and a free commemorative cup.
June 17, 1-5 p.m.
Great Plaza at Penn's Landing
101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd.
$40, beercamp.sierranevada.com

MUSEUMS

Bloomsday

The Rosenbach celebrates the journey of Leopold Bloom through Dublin in "Ulysses," featuring free admission to the museum's current exhibition, an all-day reading of "Ulysses," food trucks and music. The museum's new beer garden will be serving up draughts.
June 16, 11 a.m.
Delancey Place
2008 Delancey Place
Pay as you go, rosenbach.org

ROB CARDILLO

Community Gardens Day Garden Tour

Guides from PHS swing through bountiful gardens and remarkable murals in this tour de Philly, allowing passengers to wander through select gardens to, literally, stop and smell the roses.
June 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Various locations
$35, phsonline.org

Hill-Freedmans Album Release Party

All of the academy's 10th graders participated in the creation of "First Verse," a 29-song album combining the poetry and musical composition of students. LiveConnections partnered with the school to bring Philadelphia Poet Laureate Yolanda Wisher and producer Andrew Lipke in as residents.
June 16, 9:30 a.m.
Hill Freedman World Academy
1100 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Free, liveconnections.org

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FOOD & DRINK

Beer History Taste & Tour

Participants meet at the West Entrance of the museum and take a trolley westward to Cedar Grove, a historic Greystone house filled with unusual amenities like an indoor bake oven and loads of Pennsylvania furniture. There, the group is taken on a tour — and tasting — of colonial-era beer brewing.
June 18, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia Museum of Art – West Entrance
2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
$25, philamuseum.org

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MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Father's Day at AmRev

The idea: Celebrate Father's Day by also celebrating the Founding Fathers. Hands-on programs — like learning to design a revolutionary flag — and a curatorial talk make up the festivities for standard admission, while members can enjoy donuts with dad in the Patriots Gallery.
June 18, 9:30 a.m.
Museum of the American Revolution
101 S. Third St.
$19, amrevmuseum.org

THEATER

Two-Person Circus

James Duckworth and Natalie Birdweather host this wacky, ongoing variety show featuring comedian Michael Kelly, a hip-hop performance by MC Blackwolf and belly-dancing by Las Serpeintas. Anticipate some audience interaction.
June 15, 8 p.m.
L'Etage
624 S. Sixth St.
$5, creperie-beaumonde.com

Junie B. Jones: The Musical

Walnut Street Theatre performs its final showing of Junie B. Jones: The Musical, in which the well-known first-grader takes up juggling and learns the lesson of making the most of a bad situation. Ideal for kids who've never been to a theater show.
June 18, 11 a.m.
Walnut Street Theatre
825 Walnut St.
$14.50, walnutstreettheatre.org

FAMILY FUN

CarBQUE

Spend Saturday at Fellah Auto Group for their second annual CarBQUE. This free event will feature family-friendly activities like face painting, pony rides, airbrushed shirts, games, raffles and a bounce house.
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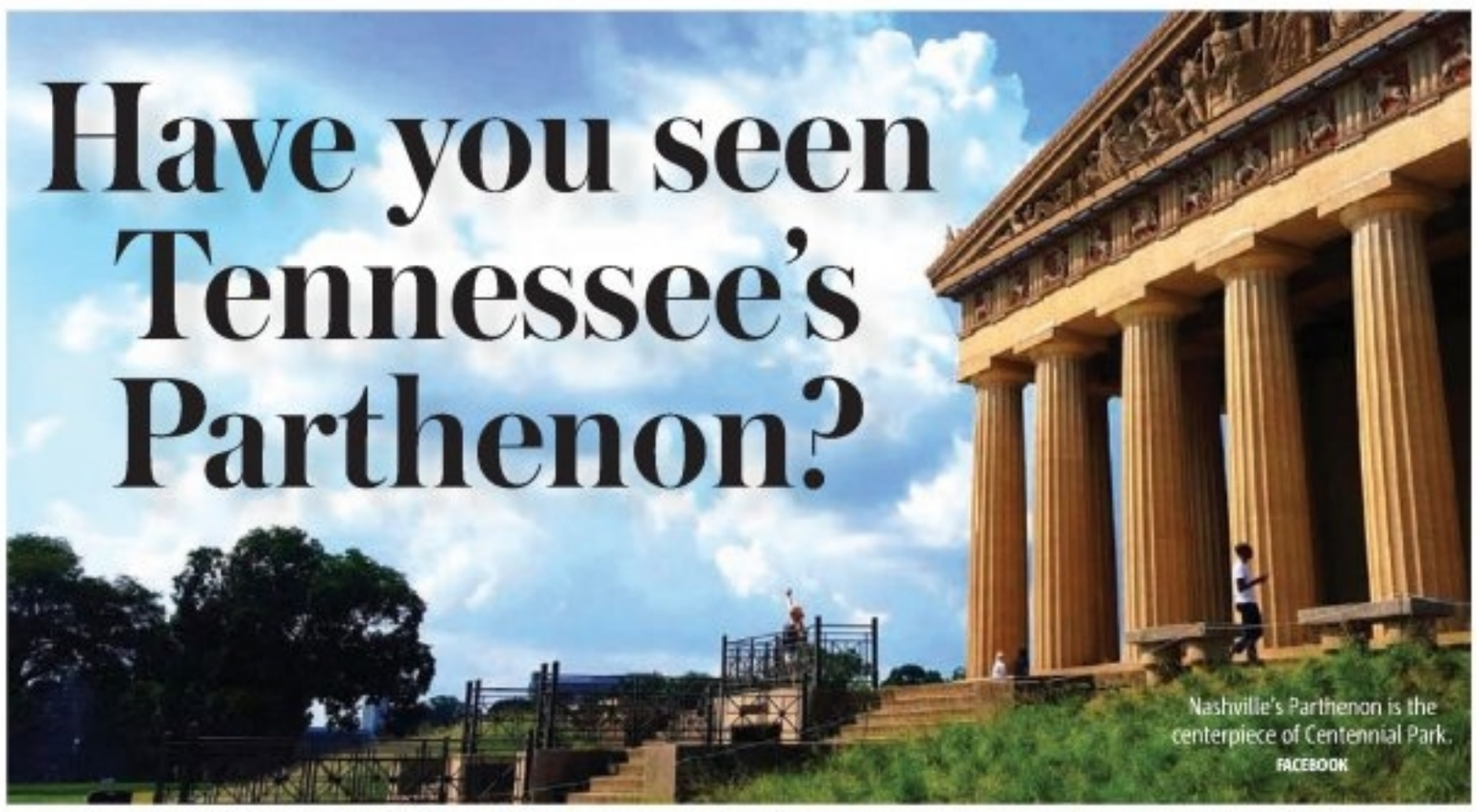
Nashville's Parthenon is the centerpiece of Centennial Park. FACEBOOK

The U.S. is full of oddball tourist attractions — here are seven surprising finds.

Fodor's Travel

As a traveler (not a tourist), you want to delve beyond a city's most popular sights and attractions to get a deeper understanding of place. These surprising attractions take you out of the well-trod tourist areas to neighborhoods you wouldn't see otherwise. Seek out these interesting spots for a dose of travel discovery.

The Parthenon in Nashville

How many people planning a Nashville trip say, "I think I'll visit the Parthenon"? There is, in fact, a to-scale replica of the Parthenon in Centennial Park, just west of downtown. Why? Because in addition to being Music City, USA, Nashville is also nicknamed the "Athens of the South." Built from plaster for Tennessee's 1897 Centennial Exposition, Nashville's Parthenon was recreated in concrete in 1931 when the city decided it wanted this Doric Greek temple to be permanent. Just like the 5th-century original in Athens, Nashville's Parthenon includes a 42-foot statue of Athena. Unlike the original, its Elgin Marbles are intact (but not made of marble).

Mermaids in Denver

Yes, Colorado is landlocked but that doesn't stop a pod of mermaids from inhabiting a building downtown. Head to the "Under the Sea" exhibit Thursdays-Sundays at the Downtown Aquarium to watch "mermaids" swimming in tanks with barracudas, nurse sharks and a 400-pound grouper. Back on land, they hold court with meet and greets after their shows, posing for photos and signing autographs. You can prove to your friends that mermaids are real. *Insider tip:* Ditch the crowds and book a table at the aquarium's restaurant, which has mermaid shows that coincide with lunch and dinner seatings.

A walk of fame in the East Village

Mann's Chinese Theater in L.A. isn't the only one to preserve the handprints, footprints and signatures of Hollywood stars in cement. At Theatre 80 in NYC's East Village, Joan Crawford, Gloria Swanson, Joan Rivers and more left their marks. Named for its address at 80 St. Mark's Place, the theater was a Prohibition hideout, a jazz club featuring the likes of Thelonious Monk, and a film revival house. See what's being staged (everything from "Cymbeline" to a belly dance competition) and explore this vibrant, artistic neighborhood.

Insider tip: Theatre 80's building includes the small but interesting Museum of the American Gangster and a former speakeasy, Scheib's Place.

Atlantis in Miami

Divers headed to Miami should check out the Neptune Memorial Reef, three miles off Key Biscayne. This artistic interpretation of Atlantis, 40 feet underwater, is one of the world's largest artificial reefs and a mausoleum for people who are cremated and placed there. Explore its 16 acres: Swim under archways, weave in and out of columns, and view statues depicting lions and dolphins. It's free to visit (but not to stay).

Downtown Aquarium FACEBOOK

A casbah in Honolulu

Leave it to the eccentric heiress Doris Duke (1912-1993) to think nothing of shipping a glittering 13th-century mihrab (architectural niche) from Iran, numerous jalis (perforated marble screens) from India and masterful late-Ottoman period ajami paneling from Syria to decorate her estate. She called this home Shangri La, and it is now a museum and study center for Islamic art and culture. She dined in a royal blue Islamic-inspired tent lined with 19th-century Egyptian appliqued fabric, seated under a 6-foot Baccarat chandelier. The sides of the tent can be rolled up for a straight-on view of Diamond Head. Not too bad being one of the wealthiest women in the world.

Doris Duke Museum of Islamic Art THOMAS TUNSCH, FLICKR

$5 art in Las Vegas

Want an original artwork for $5 out of a former cigarette vending machine? Of course you do. Look for the Art-o-Mat on the second floor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Las Vegas, pick the style that speaks to you most, and insert a $5 bill. Instant art! The Cosmopolitan has six of the more than 100 Art-o-Mats scattered throughout the U.S., representing 400 artists from 10 countries. Even though the hotel closed its art gallery, the Cosmopolitan has a wide collection of contemporary art in its public spaces, meeting rooms, and guest rooms.

Insider tip: Even if you're not driving, head to the parking garage to see graffiti art from Kenny Scharf, among others.

Central Park in Baltimore

Architecture buffs, urban planning aficionados and voyeurs head to the upscale residential neighborhood of Roland Park to follow pathways created by the son of Central Park landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. These 18 meandering walkways, created in the late 1800s, traverse private property and are marked with wooden signs and handrails. One of the earliest planned suburban garden communities, Roland Park had strict guidelines: Homes had to have indoor plumbing and were not allowed to keep livestock. Fancy! Homes still reflect their original architecture, ranging from English Tudor to Georgian and Arts and Crafts. About 11,000 people call this 3-square-mile leafy suburb home.

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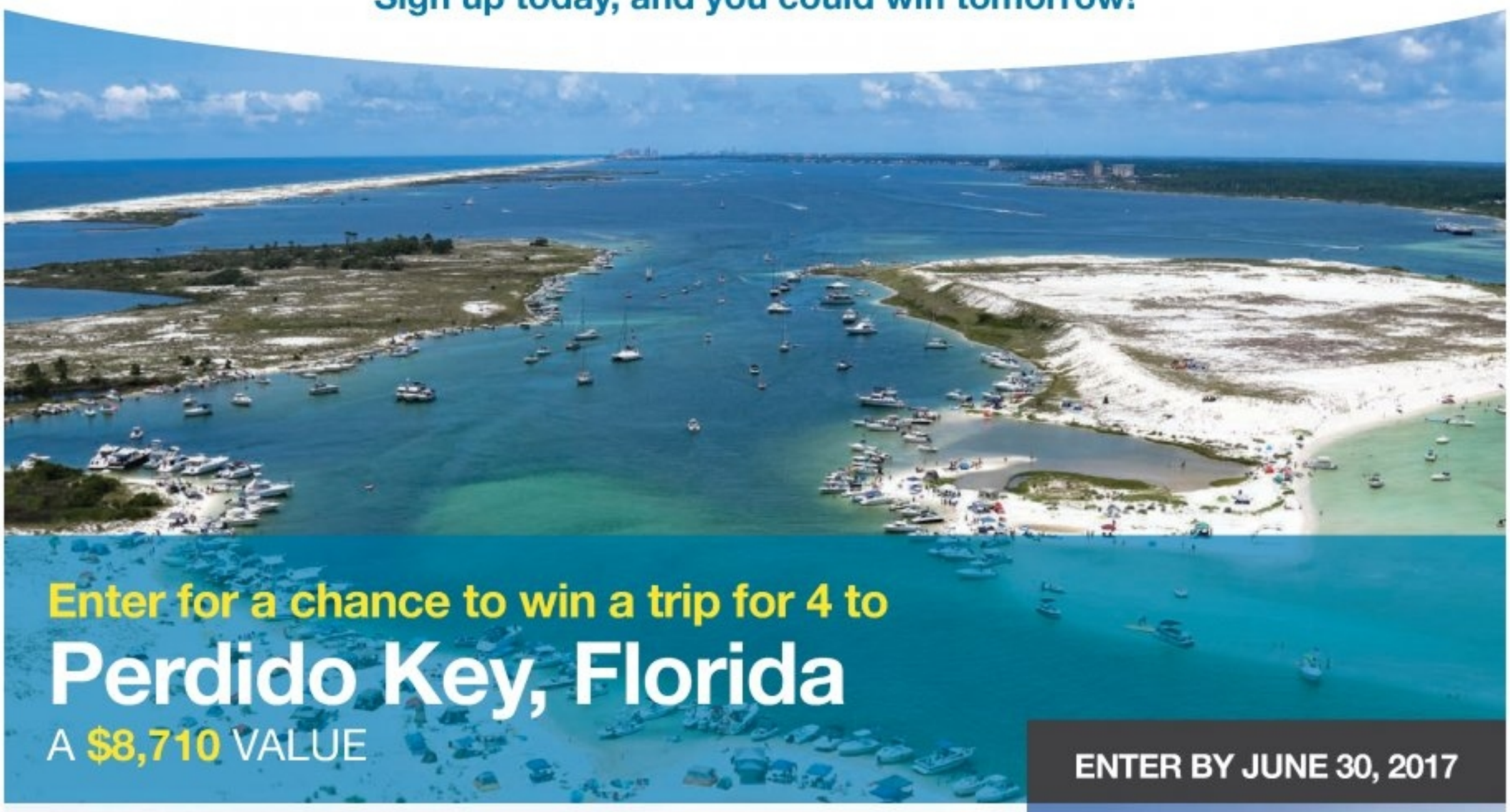

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Peters' contract extension gives Wentz stability, Eagles cap relief

The Eagles made yet another necessary, and savvy, front office move in extending Jason Peters.

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Will Jason Peters end his career playing guard for the Eagles? GETTY IMAGES

Jason Peters will remain an Eagle, likely until he retires.

The future Hall of Fame left tackle will continue to suit up in midnight green until 2019, as he inked a three-year, $32.5 million deal with $15.5 guaranteed Wednesday. The move is expected to be structured in a way that gives the Eagles a little more breathing room as they sport the league's least salary cap space.

With his run-blocking expertise and ability to protect Carson Wentz' blind side, the Eagles will do whatever it takes to keep him on the field until his age-37 season.

"I think with his size, his athleticism, strength — gosh, the way he comes off the ball would be a great asset really anywhere along that offensive line, but guard could be a potential spot down the road," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said.

Whether or not he plays guard in the future, the Eagles are more or less stacked at offensive line at present. Peters joins stout veterans Jason Kelce and Lane Johnson anchoring a line with great depth at guard — as Allen Barbre, Brandon Brooks, Isaac Seumalo, Chance Warmack and Stephen Wisniewski all add insurance and skill protecting the Eagles skill players.

"I think it's huge to have your offensive line intact that way, especially a guy like Jason Kelce in the middle," the coach said. "He's the field general for that group and he's a smart guy and he gets the guys going in the right direction. And he and Carson have a great relationship in ID-

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ing things defensively: protections, runs, things of that nature. And now having Jason [Peters] anchored there on the left side just gives you a comfort factor on your backside being a right-handed a quarterback. I know the feeling, back in the day, having those Tra Thomases over there or the Jon Runyans on the right side. To have those anchors on the edges gives you more comfort as a pocket passer and someone that can just take advantage of those guys being the core of your offensive line."

Wentz, in his second season, will be able to rely on consistency and familiarity up front, two attributes that will undoubtedly help him grow into a franchise player as his career in Philadelphia continues.

The quarterback was able to play behind Peters for the entire season, impressive for a large physical player who is in his mid-30s. It seems the team may have found a good formula to keep him and other important veterans healthy and on the field.

"I know that the way we handled him last year, he started 16 games for us; he was a Pro Bowl left tackle," Pederson said. "Those are some of the same things we've got to continue to do this year with him, same way with Brent Celek and other guys on the team. We were able to manage their reps and keep them healthy for 16 weeks. So, we'll try to keep that same formula going."

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Pair this with the expected shifting winds and the fact that the relatively new venue will host its first men's major championship, and the only sure bet for a weekend of competitive golf is that there will be drama — and more than a few double bogeys.

However, the course seems to favor the smart player. With wide fairways nearly all throughout the course, a player can sacrifice distance for accuracy and be safe, and stay close to par.

"These are the widest fairways we've ever played in a U.S. Open," Rory McIlroy told media members. "We have 60 yards from left line to right line. You've got 156 of the best players in the world here. If we can't hit it in that avenue, you may as well pack your bags and go home."

Jordan Spieth is among the favorites this weekend. GETTY IMAGES

McIlroy, one of the tournament's favorites continued: "It's the U.S. Open; it's supposed to be a tough test, and if guys can't put it in play within a 50-yard zone, I don't think they've got much to complain about."

The course is lengthy at 7,693 yards and offers a variety of strategies. And though it has become typical at the USGA's signature event for a score near par winning the major tournament, this year could be different. There could be a lot more birdies on the course.

"You expect par to be an extremely good score at a U.S. Open," Jordan Spieth, who won the 2015 Open at Chambers Bay, said. "And here, my early thoughts, I don't see par winning the tournament. I see close to 5- to 10-under. Someone who has very good control of the ball off tee will have plenty of scoring opportunities, given the conditions that we're expecting."

Last year's winner Dustin Johnson is the only player favored ahead of McIlroy by Vegas odds, followed by Jason Day, Spieth and Ricky Fowler rounding out the top five. EVAN MACY

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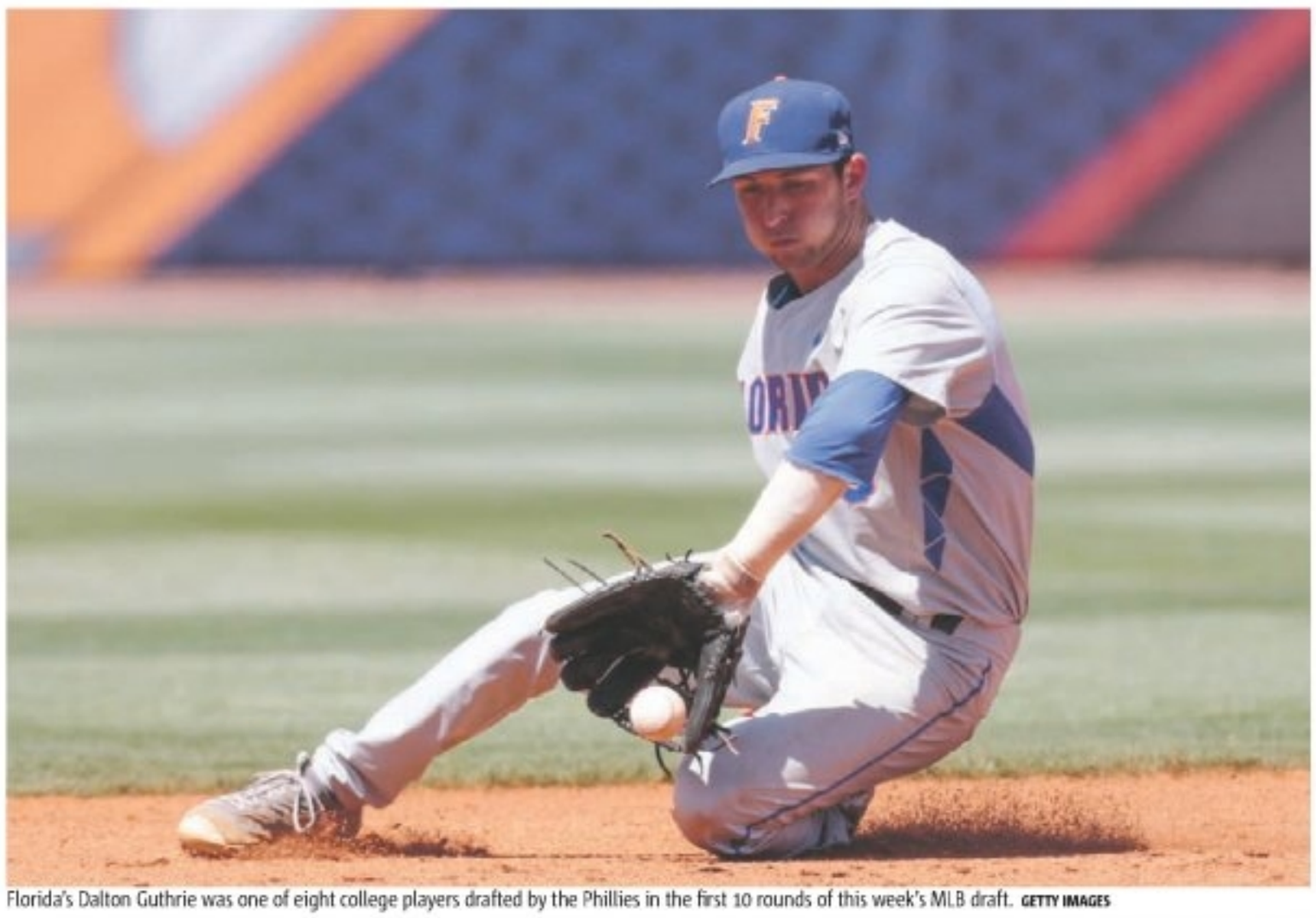
Florida's Dalton Guthrie was one of eight college players drafted by the Phillies in the first 10 rounds of this week's MLB draft. GETTY IMAGES

Will the Phillies strike gold with any of their 2017 MLB draft picks?

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The Phillies' most intriguing selections of the 2017 MLB draft will likely come from the pool of 10 players they took in the first 10 rounds. Some clear trends in the team's early selections laid bare just what they're looking for out of this draft as they continue to set the course for the future of the franchise.

It is clear that the Phillies are looking for immediate help.

For the third straight year the team spent their top ten pick on an outfielder, but unlike the last two picks, Haseley is a polished college product. In fact, among these top ten picks, he's one of eight coming straight from college, including two seniors in rounds nine and ten. Only one player, pitcher Ethan Lindow, was drafted out of high school in the fifth round.

This is a fairly shocking departure for the Phillies who have shown an organizational attachment to the boom-or-bust high schooler. Haseley is only the third college product the Phillies have spent a first round pick on since drafting Chase Utley out of UCLA in 2000.

The quick assumption to take from this sudden infatuation with college players is that the Phillies rebuild appears to have hit quite a road bump in 2017, and the more players the team can bring through the system quickly, the better. After years of taking chances by drafting boom-or-bust prospects that left the organization without a pipeline of competent MLB players to fall back on when the wheels fell off the World Series juggernaut, the Phillies no longer have the luxury of drafting without focusing on talent that is easy to project into the majors.

They want position players who can hit the ball.

It may seem an obvious desire, but the Phillies as a team 22nd in baseball in hitting and 27th in walks drawn. Even at their peak, the Phillies were a lineup built on power that made up for record setting strikeout numbers and a lack of .300 hitters. Take a look at the stats and traits of the batters they've selected and the desire to change this jumps out.

Haseley, their first pick, hit .390 this season and walked twice as many times (44) as he struck out (21.) He's a promising pitcher as well, but the Phillies seem set to add him to the crop of outfielders they're stockpiling in the minors.

The next batsman they took, Scheiner had a .346 average for Houston in 2017. Guthrie walked (47) almost as many times as he struck out (61) over his last two seasons. Maton hit .408 with an eye-popping .507 on base percentage and more walks than strikeouts this season. Zoellner saw his average jump 61 points to .368 as a senior, and changed his walk-K ratio from 27-54 to 37-26.

Their new hitters aren't the only players they want to have command of the strike zone, however.

The Phillies' top-10 picks:

- Round One - Adam Haseley, OF, University of Virginia
- Round Two - Spencer Howard, RHP, University of Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
- Round Three - Connor Seabold, RHP, Cal State Fullerton
- Round Four - Jake Scheiner, 3B, University of Houston
- Round Five - Ethan Lindow, LHP, Locust Grove High School
- Round Six - Dalton Guthrie, SS, University of Florida
- Round Seven - Nick Maton, SS, Lincoln Land Community College
- Round Eight - Jhordany Mezquita, LHP, No School
- Round Nine - Jack Zoellner, 3B, University of New Mexico
- Round Ten - Connor Brogdon, RHP, Lewis-Clark State

The Phils major league staff is average (15th) in walks allowed, but third-bottom in strikeouts. Unlike the backseat contact took to power during the World Series runs, this wasn't always the case with pitching while Cliff Lee and others filled the battery. It's likely more a case of talent depletion here, rather than organizational neglect. Aaron Nola, who came in as a control champ, still has a 230-62 strikeout-to-walk ratio as a major leaguer.

So who'll hopefully be joining him there sooner, rather than later? Well apparently not Haseley, but second-round pick Howard had a career 136 strikeouts to just 36 walks, and made that ratio 97-23 in 2017 (97 k's in 87.2 innings). Seabold had a 2017 ratio of 120-22 on his own. He was drafted a round later out of the same school as current prospect Tom Eshelman, who is working his way through the minors with 43 walks allowed and 186 strikeouts.

Their eighth-round pick by the way, Jhordany Mezquita of "No School" fame, was scouted by the Phillies as an international prospect before he moved to Hazleton. He's a player with a unique story among these top-10 draft picks to keep an eye on.

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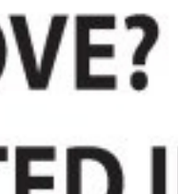

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6 Blueprint, briefly
10 206, classically
14 January, to Juan
15 E. -- bacteria
16 Wished undone
17 Nerdy
18 Actor -- Baldwin
19 Medea sailed on her
20 Dried-up
21 Widely accepted
23 Ooze
25 Flemish painter
26 Mantra chants
27 Maui tourist, often
29 Fleet
32 Swiss capital (var.)
33 Good buddy
36 Car top
37 Vestige
38 Actor -- Kaplan
39 Wayfarer's refuge
40 Goes way up
41 Takes cover
42 Small harbor
43 Whey-faced
44 Kafka's birthplace
47 Mendicants
51 Gloomy
54 Muddy the waters
55 On board ship
56 With skill
57 About that time
58 Dollywood loc.
59 Pharaoh's river
60 Four duos
61 Como -- usted?
62 1917 abdicator
63 Hue, but not cry

Down

1 Get more out of
2 Wing
3 Kind of jacket
4 Reneged (2 wds.)
5 Gym dance
6 Kind of tactics
7 Game with mallets
8 Mountain pass info
9 Tour guide
10 Flash Gordon portrayer Buster --
11 Radium discoverer
12 Meat avoider
13 Artifacts
21 Qt. parts
22 Be in control
24 Invoice no.
27 Genuine warmth
28 Parts of ovals
29 Herr in Madras
30 Checkmated
31 Lightning by-product
32 Hillside, to Angus
33 Cushion
34 "Honest" nickname
35 Brown the bandleader
37 Easygoing
38 Newt of politics
40 Cold-shoulder
41 Old crone
42 Oft-eaten lizard
43 -- Craven of horror flicks
44 Batter's place
45 Tricks
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50 Metamorphic rock
52 Heron kin
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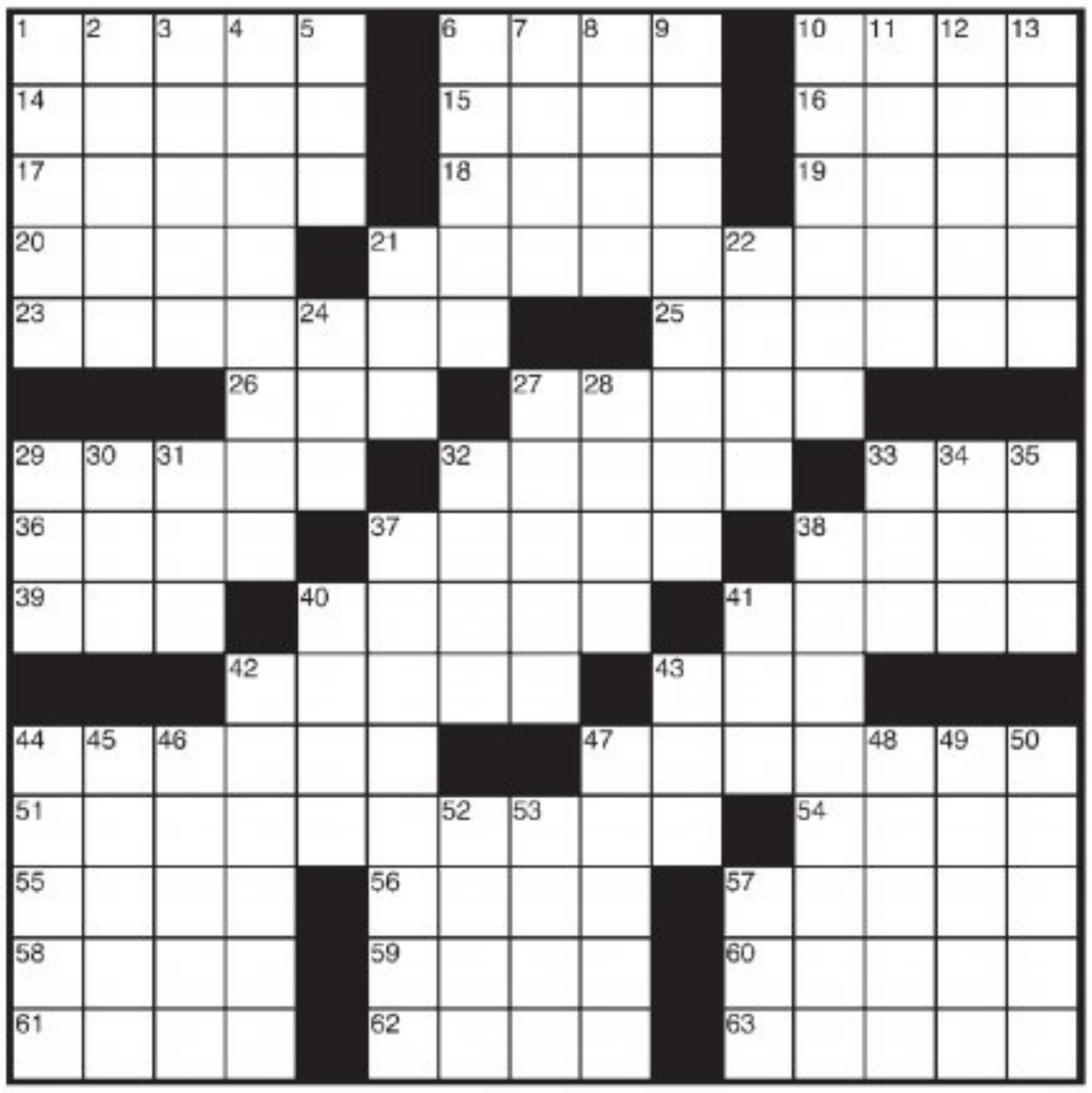

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Aries Travel plans will bring you closer to nature and the things you like best. A chance to spend time alone with a loved one will lead to new developments.

Taurus Act on what you see and hear, not on what you conjure up in your imagination. Aim to make improvements that will enhance your body and enlighten your mind.

Gemini Get involved in civic life and what's happening in your community. Being a fair and nonjudgmental participant will add to your popularity and ability to get ahead.

Cancer Engage in something that gets you moving. Taking a fitness class or getting out and walking more will help you build a strong and healthy physique.

Leo Don't trust anyone with your personal affairs. Stay in control and do your own fact-finding. An unusual offer may interest you, but it isn't likely to turn out as described.

Virgo Pump up your résumé. Your skills and experience can help you find a better position. Personal changes, educational pursuits and a new approach are featured.

Libra Don't let emotions get in the way. If you put your ego aside and become part of a group, good things will unfold. Expand your mind and learn from those with experience.

Scorpio A physical activity will motivate you to take better care of your mind, body and soul. You'll be enlightened by an experience and the people you encounter.

Sagittarius Don't trust what others tell you, no matter how convincing and persuasive a pitch you are given. Keep your emotions out of any decision you must make.

Capricorn You'll be offered interesting financial alternatives when dealing with changes that will affect your living arrangements. An unusual option looks promising.

Aquarius Put more effort into personal improvements. Incorporating a proper diet and exercise into your daily routine will make you feel good. Discipline will help you.

Pisces Work toward improving your relationship with those you live with or work alongside. It's in your best interest to get along if you want to get ahead. EUGENIA LAST

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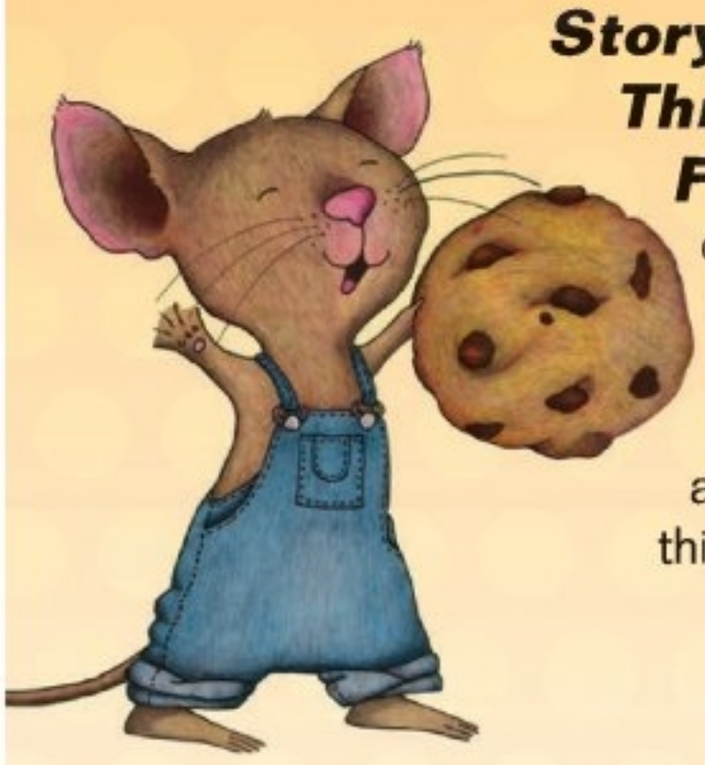

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